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Today's Topics:

73 Magazine Circulation Figures
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Real NoCodes
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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Thu, 4 Feb 1993 19:40:44 GMT
From: saimiri.primate.wisc.edu!sdd.hp.com!hpscit.sc.hp.com!hplextra!hpl-opus!
hpnmdla!alanb@ames.arpa
Subject: 73 Magazine Circulation Figures
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, cassidy@esd55.enet.dec.com (Charlie Cassidy) writes:

>Posted on behalf of my brother, he can be reached at dcass@aol.com:

>In article <14570613@hpnmdla.sr.hp.com>, alanb@hpnmdla.sr.hp.com (Alan Bloom)
writes:

>[...]

>|>In college, my friend was a die-hard Wayne Green fan. My friend thought

>|>that ARRL was an evil empire and Wayne was the Savior of amateur radio.

>|>After graduating, he went to work at 73, rising to Assistant Editor.

>|>He told me that he saw the printing bill every month. At a time when

>|>73 was advertising a circulation of about 75,000, their maximum print
>|>run was under 40,000. (With damaged copies, free samples, and
>|>undistributed stock, 73 must have been overstating their circulation
>|>by about a factor of two.)
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>|>I asked my friend about the other magazines. He said that industry
>|>gossip was that Ham Radio magazine figures were accurate, but that 73's
>|>were not. I forget what he said about CQ, but he admitted that QST
>|>figures were iron-clad.
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>|>A few years ago, ARRL filed a Freedom of Information request with the
>|>US Post Office to obtain sizes of mailing runs of the major ham
>|>publications, and published the results in the up-front news section
>|>of QST. They couldn't actually claim that 73 was lying about their
>|>circulation rates, because those figures did not include news stand
>|>sales. But it's pretty obvious that 73 does not do half its sales
>|>via news stands.
>|>
>|>AL N1AL
>|>
>|>

>This guys friend is plain wrong. 73 hasn't had print runs as small as
>40,000 since the late 1960's!

Of course, I didn't see the documentation myself. But based on the fact
that my friend had been so gung-ho pro-Wayne Green (and the fact that he
is an honest individual), I doubt that he made it up.

<It wasn't QST that filed the Freedom Of
>Information Act requests . . . it was 73!!

Well, you are certainly wrong on this one. The note in QST was published
for all to see. I can go back and dig up the reference if you want to
argue about it.

>And it is a fact that exactly 1/2
>of our circulation comes from the newstand (within a few percent). We make A
>LOT more money from newstand copies than we do from subs. I LIKE having all
>that newstand circulation. Any healthy magazine must maintain strong newstand
>circulation to survive.

Excuse me for being dubious. Everyone I have ever talked to in the ham
radio publishing business says that newsstand sales are a small percentage
of most ham magazines' circulation.

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Date: Thu, 4 Feb 93 21:01:54 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!
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adec23!mark@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Hams on USENET Email Server
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have tacked up an experimental e-mail server to handle lookups into the complete and up-to-date version of the Amateurs on USENET List I maintain. Send a lookup request to reqnet@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca with the following format in the body of the message:

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return user@host
lookup call call call ...
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where the 'return' line overrides the regular return path (Reply-To:, From:) and you may have as many 'lookup' lines as you wish. It uses a 'grep -y' matching algorithm for all the entries, so you can look up by name if you wish as well. Requests that generate mail responses longer than 10K will return with a failure message. I reserve the right to change how this software works and the syntax used with disregard for upward compatibility ...

If you find any 'bugs', however, please tell me!

Thanks, Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-
Submissions to rec.radio.info rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca
Administrivia for rec.radio.info rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca
Additions to Hams on USENET List hams-on-usenet@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

Date: 5 Feb 93 13:07:54 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Quote EMF-Cancer Research
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

<In Info-Hams V93 #168, N1AL (Al) writes >

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>> Not to mention that there may be other factors influencing leukemia
>> near power lines, such as the use of pesticides to keep down weeds in the
>> power company right-of-way, exhaust fumes (HT lines tend to be near
>> highways), the lower socioeconomic status of families that live very
>> near power lines, etc.
>>      ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^
>>      ^^^^^ ^^^^^ ^^^^^
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I can't help myself! When my friends, living in the two subdivisions

bordering the "Hyper-Tension" line that TVA has running between them, find out they are of lower socioeconomic status (in their \$350,000+ homes of 3,600sq. ft. MINIMUM on one acre lots!) than those of us who live in slightly smaller and older subdivisions...my home's value will skyrocket, and I can finally buy the aluminum farm of my dreams! ;^)

OK, so to a Californian, or one dwelling in crowded areas where \$350K is small, keep in mind that 3,600 sq.ft. on one acre isn't exactly Tobacco Road! ;^)

Thanks for the chuckle, Al. This was getting a bit heavy until then.

73

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| Jack GF Hill      Voice: (615)459-2636  root@jackatak.raider.net |  
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Date: 5 Feb 93 10:44:36 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Quote EMF-Cancer research  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
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In Info-Hams Digest V93 #168 AL N1AL writes:

>On my way home last night, I listened to a long report about the relation
>between cancer and EM fields on KQED, the San Francisco PBS radio station.
>It seemed like a pretty well-balanced report. They mentioned the
>recent Swedish study as being the strongest evidence to date linking
>childhood leukemia to living near high-voltage transmission lines.
>I was astonished, however, when they said that the study found 7 cases
>of leukemia versus 2 to 3 expected. If I heard those numbers right,
>then that doesn't sound like very strong evidence to me.

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>Let's say you roll a pair of dice 100 times. You can calculate that you
>should roll "snake eyes" (two one's) about $100/36 = 2.8$ times.

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>Now of course, it's impossible to roll anything 2.8 times. If you
>ran this experiment a number of times, you would typically get a range
>of values (averaging to 2.8 if you did enough experiments.) I don't
>think getting 7 pairs of one's in 100 tries would be all that unusual.

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>Not to mention that there may be other factors influencing leukemia
>near power lines, such as the use of pesticides to keep down weeds in the
>power company right-of-way, exhaust fumes (HT lines tend to be near
>highways), the lower socioeconomic status of families that live very

>near power lines, etc

There is a statistical test (called a "chi-squared" test if my memory serves me correctly) which can be used to assess the statistical significance of phenomena like getting 7 leukaemia cases near power lines versus 2 or 3, or rolling 7 snake eyes per 100. It helps to sift the really significant phenomena from the random noise. I must try it out on these figures this weekend - my guess is that I'll find that in both cases these phenomena are not statistically significant.

Cheers,
Simon.

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Simon Woodworth.      | woods@glas.rtsg.mot.com
Motorola (Ireland) Ltd., | Don't blame my employers
Cork, Ireland.        | for anything I say! :-)
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"No matter where you go, there you are!"
- USS Excelsior bridge dedication plaque.

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Date: Fri, 05 Feb 1993 04:04:41 GMT
From: ns.risc.net!der@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Real NoCodes
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
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damelio@progress.COM (Stephen D'Amelio) writes:

>I'm not a ham, but the VP of my department is. And
>YES he does business with your company. Oops, used to.
>You may have to explain why your company lost our business.
>(actually it's one of our VAR's that is your customer)

This is scary. Do you really have customers which listen to business recommendations you make solely on the basis of what you read on USENET?

"Gee, IBM, better not make that \$1 million endowment donation to Stamford this year... We read postings from that site which indicate the school is becoming too CONSERVATIVE..."

Dave
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Admiral David E. Ryan
der@ns.risc.net

Date: 3 Feb 93 07:11:00 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Subscription to Info-Hams
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Greetings! My name is Carl Gottsmann KN6AL. If possible please subscribe me to Info-Hams. It would be appreciated. I dont think you need my E-Mail address as it should be on the banner heading for this note. Thanks and best 73! C.P.G.

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